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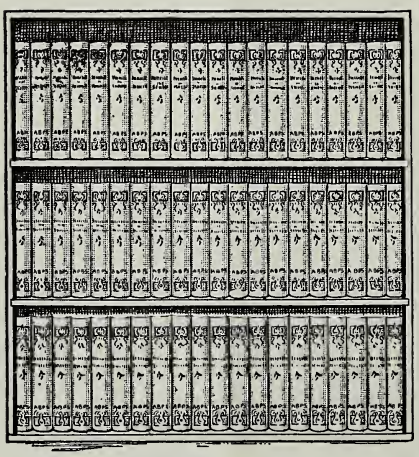

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Next session to be held with the Seymour Baptist Church, Seymour, Indiana, commencing on Wednesday, September 7, 1904.

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WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONS—Mrs. J. H. Boake.
WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS—Mrs. J. K. Ritter.
PROGRAM—Jay C. Smith, Rev. W. C. Martin, F. C. Foster.

Appointments for 1904,

PLACE AND TIME—Seymour, Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1904.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Rev. L. B. Arvin. Alternate, Rev. E. T. Smith.
DOCTRINAL SERMON—Rev. I. C. Overman. Alternate, Rev. W. C. Martin.

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Seymour	W. C. Martin, Seymour.	Frank H. Hadley, Seymour	Jay C. Smith, Seymour
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Beech Grove S,S	Mission of Uniontown		Frank Y. Dailey, Seymour, R R. 2
Rinehart S. S	Mission of Seymour		Wm. O. Shepard, Seymour, R. R 3

*Last year's report. None reported this year.

Messengers.

BETHANY: James Rigle, George D. Rider, Mrs. Mary Densford.

BETHEL: Wm. Strouse, M. L. Miner, B. H. Overman.

BROWNSTOWN: E. M. Wells, W. B. Black, F. C. Foster, J. M. Lewis, Miss Carrie Sanders, Mrs. Hugh Doerr.

CLEARSPRING: Newton Scott, Mrs. Newton Scott, Virgil H Fountain, Miss Mayme Hinkle, George Mitchell, Wm. Mitchell, Thomas Cummings.

CROTHERSVILLE: Griffin Stradley, Mrs. Sallie Stradley, Miss Gillaspy.

EBENEZER: Oma Montgomery, Mary Brown, Hattie Shank, Viola Shank, George Shank.

FREEDOM: Pierson Waskom, Gertrude Doerr, Levi Morgan.

HAYDEN: Miss Maud Van Riper.

MT. PLEASANT: John Kellar, Mrs. John Kellar, Jason Johnson, Polly Ann Blair.

NEW HARMONY: Alfred Cozart, Mrs. A. Cozart, D. Anderson, Mrs. D. Anderson.

NEW LIBERTY: Amos Gray, Mrs. A. Gray, James Weller, Martha Weller.

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UNDERWOOD: J. C. Cochran, L. H. Kennedy, Mrs. L. H. Kennedy.

UNIONTOWN: Thomas Conway, Mrs. Thomas Conway, C. C. Findley, Frank Y. Dailey, Mrs. Frank Y. Dailey, George M. Bedel, Miss Maud Foster, Miss Maggie Taulman.

Minutes.

Wednesday Morning.

The sixty-eighth annual session of the Brownstown Baptist Association met with the Brownstown Baptist church at Brownstown, Wednesday, September 9, 1903, at 10:30 a. m. The opening half hour was spent in devotional service led by the Moderator, Rev. I. C. Overman.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. C. Martin. Text, Rev. 3:12. "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God; and I will write upon him my new name." Theme: "The Church at War and in Victory."

Representatives of the various denominational interests were presented. During the Association these interests were represented as follows:

State Missions, Rev. A. Ogle, Indianapolis.

Publication Society, S. H. Huffman, Seymour.

Home Missions, Rev. S. C. Fulmer, Indianapolis.

Franklin College, Rev. E. T. Smith, Brownstown.

Woman's Foreign Missions, Mrs. J. H. Boake, Seymour.

Woman's Home Missions, Mrs. Reuben, Jeffery, Indianapolis; Mrs. J. K. Ritter, Seymour.

Baptist Observer, Rev. E. T. Smith, Brownstown.

Journal and Messenger, Rev. W. C. Martin, Seymour.

Central Association, Rev. S. C. Fulmer, Rev. A. Ogle, Mrs. Reuben Jeffery.

Flat Rock Association, Rev. H. W. Davis, Greensburg.

Laughery Association, Rev. J. M. Swarthout.

The Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Divine Service: Pastor and delegates of Brownstown church.

Nominations: Rev. W. C. Martin and one delegate from each church.

The letters from the churches were called for and all responded. The reading of letters was begun and partly completed before the noon recess.

Adjourned for dinner.

Wednesday Afternoon.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Rev. S. C. Fulmer.

The reading of letters was completed, Rev. A. Ogle assisting the Clerk.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

BETHANY—Rev. W. H. Cranford, of Scottsburg, called as pastor four months ago. Hopes to do more work next year. Good Sunday school.

BETHEL—Much good accomplished through the labors of Pastor C. H. Bartle.

BROWNSTOWN—We welcome the Association. Just completed a new house of worship at a cost of about $3,000. Have about $1,000 yet to pay. We appreciate the help received from other churches. Much credit is due Pastor Smith for the success of the undertaking.

CLEARSPRING—A year of blessing. Invite Association for next year.

CROTHERSVILLE—No pastor. Rev. I. C. Overman has been preaching when he could. Sunday school doing good work.

EBENEZER—No pastor at present. A good revival last February conducted by then Pastor Overman. Have Sunday school and Ladies' Aid Society.

FREEDOM—Pastorless four months, when Rev. Wm. Melton was called. A lively Sunday school. Will commence revival meeting immediately after Association.

HAYDEN—At low ebb spiritually and financially. No pastor and in debt. Outlook gloomy. Sabbath school but no B. Y. P. U. or prayer meeting.

MT. PLEASANT—No pastor since July and no immediate prospect of settling one.

NEW HARMONY—Progress slow, but praying for more strength. Rev. W. H. Richey pastor since November.

NEW LIBERTY—Rev. C. H. Bartle preaches one-fourth time. Interest fair. Sunday school all time.

SEYMOUR—A year of spiritual and temporal blessings. Successful revival meetings last winter. Fifty-five received during year. All lines of church work represented and in good condition.

UNDERWOOD—Pastorless from October to April, when Rev. L. B. Arvin was called. Weekly prayer meeting and Sunday school. Have painted our house of worship and paid for it. Little missionary spirit which causes some of us grief.

UNIONTOWN—Increased to half-time service April first. Work has been blessed during the year. Sunday school doing good work. Regular prayer meeting.

Rev. W. C. Martin made the report for the committee on nominations which was adopted as follows:

For Moderator, Rev. I. C. Overman; Clerk and Treasurer, Jay C. Smith; Associational Board, Rev. I. C. Overman, T. J. Stanfield, Thomas Conway, Rev. E. T. Smith, L. H. Kennedy.

The Moderator appointed as committee on the State of Religion: Rev. W. C. Martin, Thomas Cummings, Thomas Conway.

Rev. S. C. Fulmer presented a set of resolutions condemning polygamous practice and protesting against the seating of a Mormon senator from Utah at Washington. The resolutions were unanimously adopted and the Clerk ordered to forward copies to officials at Washington.

HOME MISSIONS.

The report on Home Missions was made by Robert Blair.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society is an organization of

American Baptists, employing 1310 persons for spreading the gospel in Canada, United States, Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico and elsewhere. The collection field includes thirty-three states and territories. They are divided into eight districts, containing 8868 churches. Of these only 4736 were reported as having contributed last year. Most of the non-contributiug churches have a membership of less than fifty each. Two hundred forty-three have more than five hundred each.

The missionaries of the Society are at work among twenty-one nationalities in America. Last year they reported 120 churches organized, 5,583 baptisms, 88,833 in Sunday schools under their care. The Society aids in maintaining thirty schools for the Negroes and Indians, in which there are more than 7,000 pupils, including nearly 500 students for the ministry. Through its influence Cuba and Porto Rico have nineteen Baptist churches, with 907 members, twenty-six Sunday schools with 1,900 pupils. Seventy-four churches were aided last year in erecting houses of worship.

The total receipts of the Society last year was $621,387.32, there being a gain of $59,992.07 over last year. This amount, however, lacked $27,885.48 of meeting all expenses. For its three-fold work—Missionary, Church Edifice and Educational—$750,000 is needed annually.

The Wabash District, for which we have the most concern, includes Indiana and the southern half of Illinois. Rev. S. C. Fulmer, of Indianapolis, is secretary of this district. He has been trying to keep constantly before the people the needs and importance of the Home Mission Society by having Home Mission notes in two of the leading Baptist State papers each week. There is also an Associational Secretary in each Association, our Secretary being Brother Jay C. Smith.

Our district contributed $7,727.26 this year, which is a gain of $1,929.86 over last year. Twenty-six churches and thirty four individuals more gave than last year.

The churches in this Association contributed as follows:

Bethany—; Bethel—; Brownstown, church, $18.50, S. S,, 81 cents; Clearspring, 25 cents; Crothersville—; Ebenezer, $5.14; Freedom, 75 cents; Hayden, $5.00; Mt. Pleasant—; New Liberty, $1.00; Underwood—; New Harmony—; Seymour, church, $40.35; Sunday school, $8.11; Junior B. Y. P. U, 75 cents; total for Seymour, $49.21; Uniontown, $7.75. Total for Association, $88.41, which is $16.01 more than last year.

ROBERT BLAIR.

After a discussion by Jay C. Smith and Rev. S. C. Fulmer the report was adopted.

PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

The report on the work of the American Baptist Publication Society was read by F. Y. Dailey.

The work of the Baptist Publication Society is divided into three parts: The Publishing department, the Bible department and the Missionary department. A great many people look upon the Society as a great

book concern. Its name pushes that idea to the front, and it is the greatest publishing house which the Baptists have; in fact the leading society of its kind in the world.

When one thinks that over seventy millions of copies of books, equal to three hundred pages each, have come from its presses and that it sends out over forty-three million periodicals annually, it gives some idea of the great influence for good it has.

The publishing department is not only self-supporting, but gives quite an amount to the missionary department. We fear even as a publishing house it is not appreciated as it should be by many Baptists.

The missionary department, which is partly supported by the publishing department, is otherwise supported by the generosity of the people and churches. The missionary work has been pushed forward with vigor; it has been very successful in doing a large and effective work.

The Society publishes strictly up-to-date Baptist literature. It supplies schools with literature which can not afford to buy It reaches the children, and as the children of today are the men and women of tomorrow, it makes our future look brighter.

The Society has promoted the growth of churches and Sunday schools. It has introduced Bible work and supplied thousands of hungry souls with the word of God, especially by means of the colportage system. The way to find the lost sheep is to go out into the wilds and search for it. We know that personal touch with people, in the mine, in the shop, on the farm and in the home makes them feel the power of God. Try as we may we can not get them all into our churches and Sunday schools, hence the great need of our colporters, who go into the by-ways and hedges and out of way places where the word of life has never been, and by personal talks, giving of Bibles, tracts and religious books they reach thousands of homes and hearts which otherwise would never hear the glad tidings of salvation. The Society has thirty-six equipped colportage wagons which aid greatly in circulating the Bible and other good books. They go into the dark and neglected parts of the country and find rich jewels for God's kingdom.

The missionary work is also greatly aided by equipped chapel cars, of which the Society has six at present. They are transferred to all parts of the United States free of charge by the railroads. More than ten thousand people have been converted in these cars, over two hundred Sunday schools established, a large number of church houses built and paid for, showing God has put his seal upon the work of the Society. Never were such doors of usefulness opened; calls on every hand are made for its services. It is only limited by lack of funds. Who can find it in his heart to withhold his offering to this great God-given Society? Let every Baptist double his efforts in its behalf.

The contributions from this Association this year are as follows:

Bethany—; Bethel, 70 cents; Brownstown, $5.30; Clearspring—; Crothersville—; Ebenezer, S. S., $1.36: Freedom—; Hayden, $3.54; Mt. Pleasant—; New Harmony—; New Liberty, $1.60; Seymour, $97.48; Un-

derwood—; Uniontown, $6.25. Total this year, $116.23; total last year, $83.95; gain, $32.28. FRANK Y. DAILEY.

Discussion by S. H. Huffman, after which report was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

The report on State Missions was made by Rev. E. T. Smith.

While we must always remember that "the field is the world," we must never forget that Indiana is that part of it for which Indiana Baptists are especially responsible. If new churches are to be planted and feeble churches fostered in Indiana, Indiana Baptists must do it. New fields in centres of population are ever opening for the planting of new churches. One new church has recently been organized in one such field—Indiana Harbor. There are also many feeble churches that must receive aid and encouragement or they will soon become extinct.

This work, brethren, lies at our very doors. It has been committed especially to us and we must not fail to do it. The contributions from the churches to the general missionary fund this year are in advance of those made last year. E. T. SMITH.

After discussion by Rev. A. Ogle the report was adopted.

The Moderator announced the following committees to report during the Association:

Obituaries: Newton Scott, Miss Mary Brown, Miss Maud Foster.

Place and Preachers: Rev. E. T. Smith, Griffin Stradley, M. L. Miner.

Resolutions: Frank H. Hadley, J. T. Barnes, Maud Van Riper.

Also the standing committees for the coming year (see associational directory).

After announcements by Pastor E. T. Smith, Association adjourned.

Wednesday Evening.

After praise service the scripture lesson was read by Rev. W. C. Martin from 2 Kings 4, urging the importance of using what material we have in our associational and church work.

EDUCATION.

The report on education was read by Jay C. Smith.

Our educational interests centre in our own Franklin College. A new impetus has been given to the work here during the summer just closing. The old college buildings are being thoroughly remodeled and modernized so as to meet the needs of our growing college more fully, at a cost of about $12,000. Work on the new library building also is being pushed rapidly to completion. This will add materially to the facility with which the faculty will care for its work with the students.

The course of study offered at Franklin is second to none in our state, and the spiritual atmosphere is superior to that at most colleges.

The graduates of the college hold prominent places in state and national affairs as well as filling important places in the pulpits and pews of our own and neighboring states.

It is emphatically the place for Indiana Baptist young people to receive their higher education. May we not have a larger delegation from our Association in the college the coming year?

The report was discussed by Rev. E. T. Smith and Rev. W. C. Martin. Adopted.

A collection for incidental expenses was taken amounting to $5.70.

The sermon of the evening was preached by Rev. H. W. Davis, of Greensburg. Text: Isa. 42:1-4. "Behold my servant, whom I uphold: mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench; he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for his law." Theme, "The Ideal Man a Servant."

Thursday Morning.

After devotional service the Association was called to order.

The Moderator appointed as committee on enrollment: Miss Carrie Sanders, Miss Mary Brown, Miss Hattie Shank.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The report on Sunday school work in the Association was read by Miss Oma Montgomery.

A Sunday school convention was held at Beech Grove, May 1 and 2, at which delegates were present from Crothersville, Seymour, Brownstown, Uniontown, Ebenezer and Beech Grove. The President, Rev. I. C. Overman, was chosen as delegate to the state Sunday school convention, which met at Lebanon, and money was pledged and paid to meet his expenses.

The officers elected were: Rev. I. C. Overman, president; Oma Montgomery, secretary; Jay C. Smith, treasurer.

Report blanks have been sent to each school, of which twelve have been returned: Seymour and its mission, Rinehart, Uniontown and its mission, Beech Grove, Bethel, Bethany, Underwood, New Liberty, Brownstown, Ebenezer, Hayden; also Mt. Pleasant returned its blank saying it had no Sunday school.

From the eleven reports received I have made the following summing up:

Officers and teachers, 113; number pupils under six years of age, 114; number of pupils from six to fifteen years, 428; number of pupils from sixteen to twenty-one, 237; home department, 37; total enrollment, 946; total average attendance, 538; the per cent. of boys in school between fourteen and seventeen years, eight and two-thirds; the per cent. of girls in school between fourteen and seventeen years, fifteen and five-sevenths; the per cent. of young men in school between eighteen and twenty-five, nine; all schools report more women than men; one school has been making a special effort to enlist the boys over twelve years of age with

success; two report the same effort with discouraging results; no school claims to be graded; increase over decrease in enrollment, fifty-five: baptisms, twenty-five; one school has teachers' meetings part of the time; six schools observed Children's Day; number Baptist Teachers taken, 40; number quarterlies, 830; number picture card lessons taken, 290; number Baptist papers taken monthly, 1,340; five take no papers.

Paid for school expenses, $241.14; S S. mission of American Baptist Publication Society, $31.71; (Bible work of the same society, nothing); American Baptist Missionary Union, $4.30; American Baptist Home Mission Society, $10.77; Indiana Baptist Convention, $12.30; Franklin College, $2.00; given to other purposes, $46.10.

After discussion by Jay C. Smith, Rev. E. T. Smith, Mrs. J. K. Ritter, Mrs. Reuben Jeffery, Mrs. Warren, Rev. I. C. Overman, E. M. Wells, the report was adopted.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS.

The report on Woman's Home Missions was read by Mrs. J. K. Ritter.

As a society we are prospering. We believe in the injunction, "Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We are very thankful for the individual effort of some of our women in the country churches. The following churches have contributed to the Woman's Home Missionary Society: Seymour Woman's Society, $69.46; Seymour W. I. C. Society, $19.25; Uniontown church, $2.62½; Bethany, 60 cents; Ebenezer, $1.42½; Brownstown, $5.00; Crothersville has a contribution but amount not given. MRS. J. K. RITTER.

After discussion by Mrs. Reuben Jeffery and Mrs. Ritter the report was adopted.

The doctrinal sermon was preached by Rev. E. T. Smith. Text: 2 Tim. 4:2-4. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." Theme: "The Need and Importance of Doctrinal Preaching."

After benediction by Rev. J. M. Swarthout the Association adjourned for dinner.

Thursday Afternoon.

After singing, the devotional service was led by Rev. J. M. Swarthout.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report on Foreign Missions was made by Miss Joanna Newby.

Only five of the fourteen churches in the Association report an offering for Foreign Missions this year as follows:

Bethel, $1.00; Brownstown, $8.50; Hayden, $1.81; New Liberty, $1.00 Seymour, $235.95; total, $248.26.

The report was discussed by Mrs. Reuben Jeffery and Rev. E. T Smith. Adopted.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mrs. J. H. Boake presented the report on Woman's Foreign Missions.

Seymour, W. B. M. S., $69.26; Seymour W. I. C. S., $19.25; Brownstown W. B. M. S., $5.00; Bethany, 60 cents; Uniontown, $2.62; Ebenezer, $1.43: total, $98.16. The apportionment for Brownstown Association was $60, and this is the first year we have met it. Five other Associations of the state exceeded their apportionments and yet there was a deficit.

MRS. J. H. BOAKE, Associational Sec.

A letter from the state secretary, Mrs. C. R. Devol, of Shelbyville, was read by Mrs. Boake and after discussion by Mrs. Reuben Jefiery the report was adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL WORK.

The report of the Associational Board was read by the Clerk as follows:

The Associational Board has done little during the past year. Some work along the line of the Board's work has been done in the meeting held at Rinehart school house resulting in eleven additions to the Seymour church, and in the successful work at Beech Grove resulting in five additions to the Uniontown church.

During the coming year the Board hopes to come into touch with the churches of the Association, particularly those that are pastorless and render any aid possible in locating pastors and securing better organization of the work. Any requests made by the churches will receive careful consideration and the Board will cheerfully render ready response.

In the discussion, Rev. J. M. Swarthout urged the need of more pronounced loyalty to the church. Rev. E. T. Smith and Rev. I. C. Overman urged the needs of the Brownstown church. Report adopted.

STATE OF RELIGION.

The report on the State of Religion was read by Thomas Cummings and adopted as follows:

Your committee on State of Religion in the Association have carefully read all the letters submitted and talked with representatives of most of the churches with the following results:

We find the work in several churches practically at a standstill, but believe this is so more because the leaders have become disheartened than because there is real spiritual decay in the churches. The trouble lies almost wholly in the lack of system in church work, particularly along the line of church finances. One church that reported itself, to use their own term, as "dead," is a church with brains and money in the membership, and with a real desire to arise and be strong, but with absolutely no system. It is as if the four legs of a horse, not working systematically together should start for the four points of the compass; or even though headed in the same direction should be out of all step and harmony. That church with system could without straining build a new

meeting house, pay a pastor for half-time service and contribute enough to each of the objects of benevolence to enable them to be self-respecting. That church is a specimen. Their apparent low ebb at present calls for the earnest prayers of the Association.

But there are other churches whose record for the past year is better than in the past, so much better as to more than balance the other reports already referred to. God has visited them with grace and salvation, and the stirring of their baptismal waters has, it need hardly be said, gone hand in hand with increased benevolences and a healthier treasury.

Upon the whole, while we have, as in other years, much to grieve over, we feel that we have still more to rejoice over and to praise God for.

Nine out of the fourteen churches reporting have pastors. Of these two have whole time preaching, one half time and the rest fourth time preaching. All those reporting except one are maintaining Sunday school with good degree of interest. Most of them also have prayer meetings and in them is the hope of the church.

We recommend that the Associational Board arouse itself and do something; that it give special and particular attention to those churches whose reports indicate discouragement, and that it seek to co-operate with them, counsel with them; encourage and, so far as they will receive it, direct them along proved lines of activity by which they shall enter into larger things and have joy for themselves and fruit for the Master.

W. C. MARTIN,
THOMAS CONWAY,
THOMAS CUMMINGS.

AGED MINISTERS' HOME.

J. F. Johnson presented the report on Aged Ministers' Home as follows:

Your committee make the following report: On examining the letters to the Association we find that two churches have contributed to the Ministers' Aid Society: Hayden, $1.50, and Seymour, $10; total, $11.50.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. JOHNSON.

After discussion by Mrs. Jeffery and Rev. J. M. Swarthout, the report was adopted.

PLACE AND PREACHERS.

The committee on Place and Preachers for the next session reported through the chairman, Rev. E. T. Smith, recommending Seymour as the next place of meeting; Introductory Sermon by Rev. L. B. Arvin; alternate, Rev. E. T. Smith; doctrinal sermon, Rev. I. C. Overman; alternate, Rev. W. C. Martin; and the report was adopted.

OBITUARIES.

The report of the committee on Obituaries was read by Miss Mary Brown.

Fifteen deaths are reported in the Association as follows:

BETHANY—Enos Chappel, died Dec. 21, 1902.
W. J. Graham, died March 1, 1903.
C. W. Hawn, died March 1, 1903.
Philip Silence, sr., died Aug. 1, 1903.
CLEARSPRING—Claude Stewart, died Sept. 22, 1902.
EBENEZER—Mary E. Miller, aged 47 years, 1 month.
Maggie Pfaffenberger, aged 38 years.
HAYDEN—Deacon M. H. Day, died Sept. 29, 1902.
Euphema Brown, died Oct. 21, 1902.
NEW HARMONY—Maud McClain, died Aug. 28, 1902.
Nancy J. Butt, died Jan. 26, 1902.
Mary C. Griffith, died March, 1902.
Elizabeth Chasteen, died Sept. 7, 1903.
NEW LIBERTY—One death.
UNIONTOWN—Mrs. Sarah Spall, died Oct. 25, 1902.

MARY BROWN,
NEWTON SCOTT,
MAUD FOSTER,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

The report of the committee on Resolutions was made by Miss Maud Van Riper, and adopted.

RESOLVED, That whereas we have received their very cordial entertainment, we express our sincere gratitude to the pastor and members of the Brownstown church.

RESOLVED, That we heartily commend the energy and christian zeal of the pastor and members of Brownstown church in developing the work of the denomination in this place and erecting so comfortable and creditable a place of worship.

RESOLVED, That the Association express it thanks to the M. E. church for their thoughtfulness in offering the use of their church property, when it seemed that the Baptist church would not be ready for use when the Association convened.

RESOLVED, That we heartily commend the action of the Moderator in appointing the board looking to the study and solving the problems confronting the weak and discouraged churches of our Association.

RESOLVED, That during the coming year we urge upon our membership the necessity for more earnest family and individual worship, and rendering God's service in prayer meetings, believing that this will quicken our spiritual and financial welfare.

Believing that the maintenance of the Sabbath is the corner stone of christianity; be it

RESOLVED, That we condemn the growing tendency to Sabbath desecration, particularly Sunday baseball and Sunday excursions.

RESOLVED, That more time at our annual meetings be devoted to a consideration of the needs of the churches of the Association.

RESOLVED, That we commend Franklin College for their progressive spirit and that we use our efforts to get our young people to attend our own denominational school.

RESOLVED, That we have a rest period of at least fifteen minutes morning and afternoon to cultivate sociability and discuss different lines of work.

RESOLVED, That we have a committee on special music to relieve the monotony.

Believing that the christian voters of our land are responsible to a larger extent than is generally realized for intemperance and corruption in politics,

RESOLVED, That we urge upon our brethren to be careful to abstain from the appearance of evil and to prayerfully consider their duty at the ballot box.

FRANK H. HADLEY,
MAUDE VAN RIPER,
GEORGE MITCHELL,
Committee.

After some announcements the Association adjourned.

Thursday Evening.

The treasurer's report for the year is as follows:

Received from former treasurer	$ 17	
" " churches for Minutes	19 80	
" " collection at Association	4 00	
		$23 97
Paid F. B. Bachelor's expenses	$ 2 50	
" printing Minutes and Programs	17 75	
Postage	1 75	
		$22 00
Balance on hand		1 97

JAY C. SMITH. Clerk and Treasurer.

The closing sermon of the Association was preached by Rev. I. C. Overman. Text: John 14:31. "But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence." Theme: "Advancement."

Thus closing a profitable and helpful session, the Association adjourned to meet with the Seymour Baptist church on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1904.

I. C. OVERMAN, Moderator.
JAY C. SMITH, Clerk.

Constitution.

ARTICLE I: NAME.

This Association shall be known as the Brownstown Baptist Association in the State of Indiana.

ARTICLE II: OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be to promote the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom as represented by Baptist churches.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. This Association shall be composed of the following named Regular Baptist churches to-wit: Bethel, Bethany, Brownstown, Clear Spring, Crothersville, Ebenezer, Freedom, Hayden, Mt. Pleasant, New Harmony, New Liberty, Seymour, Underwood and Uniontown; and also of such other regular Baptist churches as may from time to time be admitted to Associational fellowship in the manner prescribed in Section 2 of this Article.

SEC 2. Any Regular Baptist Church upon application by its delegates for membership in this Association, and furnishing satisfactory evidence of its faith and order as such, may be admitted to membership by vote of the Association, whereupon the Moderator shall extend to it through one of its delegates the hand of Associational fellowship.

SEC. 3. Whenever it shall be made to appear that any church in the Association has departed from the commonly accepted faith and usages of Regular Baptist churches, it shall by vote of this body be dismissed from its membership, and fellowship be withdrawn from it.

SEC. 4. Whenever any church of this Association shall fail for three successive years to represent itself in the annual meeting of the Association by letter or by delegate, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Association, and its name shall be dropped from the list of churches comprising it; but it shall be the duty of the Moderator and Clerk to have previously inquired into its condition, and to have notified it of this provision of the Constitution.

ARTICLE IV: REPRESENTATION.

SEC. 1. The churches comprised in this Association having fifty members or less shall be entitled to severally represent themselves by three delegates (beside the pastor,) and by one additional delegate for every additional fifty members or fractional part thereof.

SEC. 2. All pastors in this Association shall be entitled ex-officio to all the privileges in this body enjoyed by duly accredited delegates from the churches.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS.

The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, chosen annuully, who shall serve until their successors are elected and their duties be those usually performed by such officers.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. This Association shall meet annually on Wednesday before the second Saturday in September at such place and hour as may have

been previously agreed upon by the Association, and shall continue its session during the pleasure of the body.

SEC. 2. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Moderator at any time during the year upon the written request of any four of the churches composing the Association.

SEC. 3. At the annual meeting, immediately subsequent to the calling of the Association to order, an annual sermon shall be preached, after which the letters from the churches shall be read, and the delegates and pastors enrolled preparatory to the election of officers, which shall then at once occur.

ARTICLE VII: CHURCH LETTERS.

It shall be the duty of each church to send to the Association at its annual meeting a letter containing a concise account of its condition, the statistics of changes in its membership during the year and of moneys raised and expended for its home work and for missions and other benevolences.

ARTICLE VIII: STATE OF RELIGION.

It shall be the duty of the Moderator as soon as possible after the election of officers to appoint a committee of three for the purpose of preparing a report on the State of Religion in the Association as revealed by the letters of the churches and as may otherwise be known, said report to be presented to the Association sufficiently early before its final adjournment at the annual meeting to allow of its adequate discussion.

ARTICLE IX: DISCIPLINARY POWERS.

This Association shall in no wise interfere with the independence of the local churches in the exercise of their own discipline or the management of their own affairs as such; at the same time it may, in the maintenance of its own self-respect, withhold from any pastor or delegates whom it deems morally unworthy, the privileges in the body to which otherwise he would be entitled.

ARTICLE X: ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD.

At the annual meeting the Association shall elect an Associational Board consisting of five members, one of whom shall be the Moderator of this Association and who shall be chairman of the Board. This Board shall have the supervision of missionary work in this Association and shall make a report in full to the Association at its annual meeting. It shall also be the duty of this Board to look up needy fields, either needy churches or neighborhoods where there are no churches and arrange to prosecute such work in such places as in their judgment is needed, and the churches comprising this body are requested to raise a fund for the prosecution of Associational Missions.

ARTICLE XI: OTHER ASSOCIATIONAL SOCIETIES.

Associational meetings of the Young People's Societies, and of the Women's Mission Circles, &c., which may be held at the same time and place as the Annual Meeting of this body, and by its courtesy, shall be considered as held under its auspices.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the pastors and delegates present, provided that written notice has been given of the proposed amendment at the previous Annual Meeting.

Directory of General Missionary Societies.

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Church Statistics for 1903.

CHURCHES.	When organized	Baptisms	Rec. by Letter, Relation	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded or Erased	Died	Total Members	S. S. Enrollment Including Officers and Teachers	Value of Church Property	Home Expenses, Including Pastor's salary, Sunday School, etc.	Printing Minutes	MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS. State Missions	Home Missions	Woman's Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missions	Publication Society	Education	Aged Ministers' Home	Other Benevolences.	Total Benevolences.
Bethany	1867	..	..	..	..	4	152	60	800 00	75 00	45	.....	.....	60	.....	60	.....	....	.....	..	1 20
Bethel	1835	1	..	1	..	..	95	70	800 00	100 00	65	1 00	.....	...	1 00	....	70	....	.....	....	2 70
Brownstown	1873	4	..	1	5	..	178	120	3000 00	657 35	1 50	7 42	19 31	5 00	8 50	5 00	5 30	....	.....	...	50 53
Clearspring	1847	5	1	..	..	1	140	50	1200 00	160 00	1 00	.....	25	.....	.....	..	.....	....	.....	...	25
Crothersville	1891	..	..	3	..	..	23	29	1000 00	25 00	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.. ..	2 00	2 00
Ebenezer	1825	6	6	..	..	2	83	79	600 00	30 00	1 35	6 62	5 14	1 42	....	1 43	1 36	....	.. ..	.....	15 87
Freedom	1836	..	..	..	..	..	37	20	500 00	75 00	40	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	75
Hayden	1823	..	1	5	..	2	119	84	1000 00	.....	1 10	1 50	5 00	.....	1 81	.....	3 54	2 00	1 50	.....	15 35
Mt. Pleasant	1829	..	..	..	..	..	73	...	100 00	60 00	50	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.. ..	.....	....
New Harmony	1879	1	..	4	..	4	85	40	500 00	95 00	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
New Liberty	1858	1	..	..	..	1	197	60	1200 00	150 00	1 10	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 60	....	.....	1 00	6 60
Seymour	1839	48	7	15	..	..	395	272	18000 00	1754 09	5 00	114 35	49 21	88 71	235 95	88 51	97 48	2 00	10 00	213 76	900 07
Underwood	1889	..	1	1	..	..	116	70	900 00	134 00	1 00	...	.....	.....	.....	...	...	....	.....	2 00	2 00
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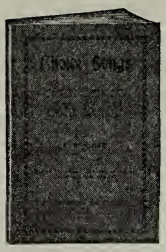

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